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UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Watch for the 2011 MFT Material Bid.** The Notice of Municipal Letting was approved by the council at their meeting on April 18.
- **The Troxler Avenue Pavement Restoration project bids will be opened on Thursday, April 28, 10:00am at City Hall.**

HAPPY EASTER



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EARTH DAY 2011



Today is the 41st Earth Day celebration. On April 22, 1970, Gaylord Nelson, a United States Senator, founded the first Earth Day in an attempt to bring about a better understanding of the affect we have on our planet, and calling us to take action to make positive environmental changes in our community. The first Earth Day was attended by 20 million Americans nationwide.

This year's Earth Day theme, A Billions Acts of Green, is a people-powered movement hoping that more than one billion people worldwide will celebrate the holiday by generating a billion individual acts of environmental service and advocacy. The "Going Green" movement continues to pick up steam as people look for ways to conserve energy and our natural resources. Here a few suggestions for easy ways to help the environment:

- * Buy non-perishable items in bulk to cut down on packaging.
- * Mow your lawn when the grass is dry and let the clipping lie.
- * Donate good used furniture and clothing to a local charity and keep it out of the landfills. ♻️
- * Only run your laundry or dishwasher with full loads
- * Modern engines do not need to "warm up". Idling creates unnecessary pollution and mechanical wear, so begin driving as soon as you start your vehicle.
- * Your cell phone only takes a couple of hours to charge, so don't leave it plugged in overnight.
- * Bring your own from home. Get rid of the disposable cups, plates and plastic forks at the office. Keep extra coffee mugs for guests.

Tree City USA

Last month Highland proudly received the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA designation for the 22nd year in a row. The city also received the Tree City USA Growth Award. The Growth Award is given to communities that go beyond the four standards of Tree City USA and accumulate points from a list of projects that demonstrate improvement and growth of local tree care. This year Highland's Growth Award had the Sterling designation. A community wins the

Sterling award after participating in the Growth Award program for 10 years.

At the City Council meeting on Monday, April 18, Mayor Michaelis designated Thursday, April 28th as Arbor Day in Highland. The Highland Tree Commission will be holding a program at the Arboretum at Highland Silver Lake Park at 3:30pm on that day. Everyone is invited to attend.

